

# Indiana Department of Correction Showcases Vehicles for Sale to Assist Victims of Violent Crimes

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Commissioner Donahue admires the 1986 GMC TS-10 Pickup Truck.

Indianapolis, Indiana (October 13, 2006) – The Indiana Department of Correction is auctioning off several state vehicles which have been restored by offenders at the Pendleton, Putnamville, Plainfield and Westville Correctional Facilities.

The restored vehicles were showcased at the Indiana Government Center on Government Place. “This vehicle restoration program is a part of the offender job skills vocational program designed to help offenders acquire new usable skills. Offenders throughout the state were involved in restoring the vehicles – at no cost to the tax payers,” said J. David Donahue, Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

Vehicles included a 1986 GMC TS-10 Pickup Truck from Pendleton Correctional Facility; a 1990 Dodge E350 Van from Westville Correctional Facility; a 1994 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup Truck from Plainfield Correctional Facility and a 1991 Dodge Ram Van from the Putnamville Correctional Facility.

All vehicles displayed creative modifications using offender talent. One of the most unique features on the GMC TS-10 Pickup, built by offenders at the Correctional Facility Offenders, is the front grill, which incorporates the original bars from the facility's recently remodeled housing unit.

After the vehicles are sold at next week's auction, Commissioner J. David Donahue plans for proceeds to be transferred to the Victims of Violent Crimes Fund, which is administered by the Criminal Justice Institute. The auction will take place at the ADESA Auto Auction in Plainfield, Indiana on Friday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m.

"Collaborating with the Indiana Department of Correction gives the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute a terrific opportunity to participate in a comprehensive endeavor aimed at socially and economically benefiting the citizens of Indiana," said Mike Cunegin, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. "This partnership will undoubtedly aid ICJI in its approach to effectively administer funding for programs that support Indiana's criminal and juvenile justice systems. ICJI is very happy to be working with Commissioner Donahue - a proven trailblazer in corrections and criminal justice."

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## About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.

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